

Minutes of the Bipartisan California Commission on Internet Political Practices  
Meeting  
Friday, April 26, 2002  
Los Angeles, CA

I. Welcome, Introductions

Commission Chairman Geoffrey Cowan called the meeting of the Bipartisan California Commission on Internet Political Practices (the Commission) to order at approximately 10:15 am.

Commissioners attending the meeting were: Conway Collis; Henry Carter; Geoffrey Cowan; Barbara Yanow Johnson, Edward Hearst, Philip Muller; Deirdre Mulligan; Joe Remcho; and Duff Sundheim

II. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Commissioner Edward Hearst, presented the minutes from the March 8, 2002 meeting of the Commission. The adoption of the minutes was moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the Commission.

III. Update on legislation regarding the Commission

Mr. Cowan reported on the ongoing discussions in Sacramento on the Commission's future, including the timeframe it would be allowed to complete its work.

IV. Commission budget and organizational recommendations

Chairman Cowan indicated that the Commission's budget is \$220,000.

Chairman Cowan pointed out to the Commissioners that the legislation creating the Commission allowed for reimbursement of per diem and expenses for a total of 10 meetings. However, he noted, that the Commissioners could hold additional subcommittee meetings if they wished without receiving per diem and expenses.

The Commission discussed a proposed budget for its work, including items such as consultant fees, general expenses and printing.

The Commissioners also discussed the organization and duties of subcommittees. After a discussion of the responsibilities given to the Commission in the original legislation the Commission decided that work would be done with three subcommittees to be Chaired by members of the Commission. The Committees and Chairpersons are as follows:

1. Political Practices on the Internet, Co-Chairs - Deirdre Mulligan and Conway Collis;

2. Campaign Finance and Fundraising on the Internet, Chair - Philip Muller; and

3. Technology, Chair - Edward Hearst.

Chairman Cowan asked the Commissioners to volunteer for one or more of the subcommittees.

#### V. Briefings

Mr. Matt Grossman, a researcher at the Center for Campaign Leadership, University of California, Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies, gave the Commission a status report on Internet political practices issues before the Federal Elections Commission, the U.S. Congress, and key State Legislatures.

#### VIII. Other business

It was decided that the next meeting of the full Commission would be at the University of California, Berkeley.